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TO: Iowa Medicaid Physician, Pharmacy and Medical Supply Providers

ISSUED BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise

SUBJECT: Change in Iowa Medicaid Coverage for Diabetic Blood Glucose Monitors and Test Strips

EFFECTIVE: July 1, 2009

Beginning July 1, 2009, Iowa Medicaid will include selected diabetic blood glucose monitors and test strips (listed below) as part of a Preferred Diabetic Blood Glucose Monitors and Test Strips List. These preferred products will not require a prior authorization and may be billed through the pharmacy Point of Sale (POS) system or on a CMS HCFA 1500 form. All other diabetic blood glucose monitors and test strips will be classified as non-preferred and will require a prior authorization through the IME Medical Prior Authorization Unit. Eighty percent of Iowa Medicaid members already use one of the preferred brands of monitors and test strips. Most members will not be directly affected by this change. The exception would be if the prescriber determines that a member using one of non-preferred diabetic blood glucose monitors and test strips required continued use based on medical necessity.

Effective July 1, 2009 the following diabetic blood glucose monitors and test strips from Abbott Diabetes Care and LifeScan will be preferred by Iowa Medicaid. ***No prior authorization is needed for the preferred monitors and test strips listed below.***

- *FreeStyle[®], FreeStyle Freedom Lite[®], FreeStyle Lite[®],*
- *One Touch[®] Ultra[®] 2, One Touch[®] UltraMini[™], and One Touch[®] Ultra[®] Smart*
- *Precision Xtra[™]*

All other brands of blood glucose monitors and test strips will require a prior authorization through the Medical Prior Authorization Unit. They can be contacted at 888-424-2070 and locally in Des Moines at 725-1009. Approvals for non-preferred meters and test strips will be based on medical necessity dependent on clinically significant features not available on any of the preferred products. Both preferred brands utilize the latest monitoring technology and make blood glucose testing easier for the member. Easier monitoring corresponds to better compliance with a blood glucose monitoring regimen.

The preferred monitors and test strips may either be processed through the pharmacy Point of Sale (POS) or on the CMS HCFA 1500 form. ***The NDC number will be required on the CMS HCFA 1500 forms. When billing a paper claim to Iowa Medicaid, please submit claims on the CMS HCFA 1500 form similar to billing for medical equipment and supply items. Code E0607 should be billed for home blood glucose monitors and code A4253 for blood glucose test or reagent strips (1 unit = 50 strips).*** Quantities in excess of 300 strips (6 units) per month will continue to require documentation of medical necessity and use of the GD modifier on the CMS 1500 claim form. The following NDC Numbers are the only NDC Numbers that will be covered by Iowa Medicaid without a prior authorization.

Preferred Monitor Products	
Description	NDC Number
<i>FreeStyle[®] Freedom Lite Meter[®]</i>	<i>99073-0709-14</i>
<i>FreeStyle[®] Lite[®]</i>	<i>99073-0708-05</i>
<i>OneTouch[®] Ultra[®] 2</i>	<i>53885-0448-01</i>
<i>OneTouch[®] Ultra[®] Mini Meters</i>	<i>53885-0247-01</i>
<i>OneTouch[®] Ultra[®] UltraMini Silver Moon</i>	<i>53885-0208-01</i>
<i>OneTouch[®] Ultra[®] UltraMini Pink Glow</i>	<i>53885-0419-01</i>
<i>OneTouch[®] Ultra[®] UltraMini Limelight</i>	<i>53885-0420-01</i>
<i>OneTouch[®] Ultra[®] UltraMini Jet Black</i>	<i>53885-0421-01</i>
<i>OneTouch[®] Ultra[®] UltraMini Blue Comet</i>	<i>53885-0911-01</i>
<i>OneTouch[®] Ultra[®] UltraMini Purple Twilight</i>	<i>53885-0912-01</i>
<i>OneTouch[®] Ultra[®] Smart</i>	<i>53885-0524-01</i>
<i>Precision Xtra</i>	<i>57599-8814-01</i>

Preferred Test Strip Products	
Description	NDC Number
<i>Freestyle Test Strips – 50 count</i>	<i>99073-0120-50</i>
<i>Freestyle Test Strips – 100 count</i>	<i>99073-0121-01</i>
<i>FreeStyle Lite Test Strips – 50 count</i>	<i>99073-0708-22</i>
<i>FreeStyle Lite Test Strips – 100 count</i>	<i>99073-0708-27</i>
<i>OneTouch[®] Basic/Profile[®] 50 count</i>	<i>53885-0198-50</i>
<i>OneTouch[®] Basic/Profile[®] 100 count</i>	<i>53885-0374-10</i>
<i>OneTouch[®] Basic/Profile[®] 25 count</i>	<i>53885-0197-25</i>
<i>OneTouch[®] FastTake[®] 50 count</i>	<i>53885-0444-50</i>

<i>OneTouch® FastTake® 100 count</i>	<i>53885-0048-10</i>
<i>OneTouch® SureStep® 50 count</i>	<i>53885-0359-50</i>
<i>OneTouch® SureStep® 100 count</i>	<i>53885-0052-10</i>
<i>OneTouch® Ultra 25 count</i>	<i>53885-0994-25</i>
<i>OneTouch® Ultra 50 count</i>	<i>53885-0244-50</i>
<i>OneTouch® Ultra 100 count</i>	<i>53885-0245-10</i>
<i>Precision Xtra Test Strips – 50 count</i>	<i>57599-9728-04</i>
<i>Precision Xtra Test Strips – 100 count</i>	<i>57599-9877-05</i>

Requests for Prior Approval

If you have a member using a product not on the list above that requires prior authorization, the prior authorization request form may be obtained at: <http://www.ime.state.ia.us/Providers/Forms.html>. You may attach copies of pertinent information rather than incorporate them on the prior authorization form. Make requests for prior approval on form 470-0829, *Request for Prior Authorization*. Send requests to: IME Medical Prior Authorization, P.O. Box 36478, Des Moines, Iowa 50315, or fax prior authorization requests to 515-725-1356. You can call the IME Medical Prior Authorization Support phone line (888-424-2070 or 515-725-1009 locally in Des Moines) with any questions.

IME also accepts electronic requests for prior authorizations other than pharmacy prior authorization requests. Contact the IME EDI Support Services office at 800-967-7902 to enroll to submit electronic prior authorizations.

We appreciate your cooperation during the transition.

For product training, contact:

Abbott Diabetes Care TOLL FREE at **1-800-522-5226** or visit www.AbbottDiabetescare.com, or
LifeScan, Inc. TOLL FREE **1-800-314-6712** or visit www.OneTouch.orderpoints.com.

For specific questions about this change, please call the Pharmacy Prior Authorization Help Desk at 1-877-776-1567.